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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER			ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 24180-044009
APPLN. NO. 09/369,980	FILING DATE July 30, 1999	EXAMINER R. Dye	GROUP ART UNIT 3627
INVENTOR(S) Galloway, et al.			
TITLE OF INVENTION Multi-layer Thermoplastic Films and Packages Made Therefrom			

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of October 31, 2002.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish a small entry status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Filing Date July 30, 1999
First Named Inventor Galloway, et al.
Examiner Name R. Dye
Art Unit 3627
Attorney Docket No. 24180-044009

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims		-20** =	18	0
Independent Claims		-3** =	84	0
Multiple Dependent			0	0

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify)

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"Multi-Layer Thermoplastic Films and Packages Made Therefrom"

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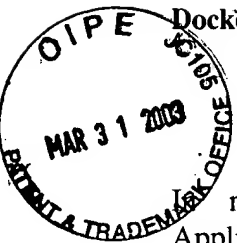
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Docket No. 24180-044009

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re Galloway, et al., U.S. Patent)
Application No. 09/369,980)
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For: MULTI-LAYER THERMOPLASTIC FILMS)
AND PACKAGES MADE THEREFROM)
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Filed: July 30, 1999)
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Group Art Unit: 3627)
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Examiner: R. Dye)

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of October 31, 2002, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks be considered. Applicants have also requested an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 in order for this paper to be timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 17, 18, 20 and 21 are pending in the application. Claims 17, 18, 20 and 21 are rejected by the Examiner.

Claims 17, 18, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Newsome (4,457,960) in view of Lai et al. (5,272,236) and further in view of Wilhoit (5,283,128).

It is the Examiner's position based on the Newsome and Lai references that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to substitute the polymer described in Lai in the film structure described in Newsome. It is also the Examiner's position that irradiation of similar film